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Draft Decision

Decision on renaming the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration and on its revised terms of reference

At its 75th meeting, the Executive Committee, with reference to paragraphs 13, 14 and 31 (g) of Commission Decision A (65) on the outcome of the Review of the 2005 reform of ECE and paragraph 24 of the Chairman's conclusions of the Executive Committee meeting of 6 February 2014, agrees to:

a) rename the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration as the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships; and

b) revise the terms of reference of the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration and use the revised terms of reference, as contained in the annex, for the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships.

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Annex

Terms of Reference

Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships

Mission statement

1. The Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships helps all countries in the region to promote a policy, financial and regulatory environment conducive to economic growth, innovative development and higher competitiveness in and of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) region. In its work, the Committee responds to the needs of Governments and takes into account the needs of the private sector, consumers, researchers and civil society. It contributes to the economic cooperation and integration, as well as sustainable development of the ECE region.

Activities

2. The Committee, acting within the framework of the policies of the United Nations, is entrusted with the implementation of the Economic Cooperation and Integration Subprogramme of ECE. The work of the Committee is demand-driven, focuses inter alia on specific topics, and aims at strengthening the competitiveness of member States' economies by:

(a) Promoting the knowledge-based economy and innovation;

(b) Facilitating the development of entrepreneurship and the emergence of new enterprises, and improving corporate responsibility;

(c) Facilitating effective regulatory policies and corporate governance, including those in the financial sector; and

(d) Promoting public-private partnerships for domestic and foreign investment.

3. To achieve its objectives, the Committee:

(a) Serves as a platform for policy dialogue, the exchange of experience and good practices;

(b) Develops guidelines and policy recommendations for Governments on the basis of the above; and

(c) Provides a basis for demand-driven policy advisory services and other capacity-building activities in the mandated areas.

4. The Committee operates in accordance with a multi-year Programme of Work. It reviews this programme regularly to ensure the coherence of its activities with the overall objectives of ECE, and develops synergies both within the programme and with the relevant activities of other ECE bodies, in particular the Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards.

5. The Committee coordinates its work with and builds on the results of the work carried out by other relevant organizations and institutions operating in this field, including United Nations agencies.